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TRANSPORT, BASE SEQUENCE FOR PRODUCING THE DRUG, METHOD OF MEASURING ACTIVITY OF PROMOTING CERAMIDE RELEASE AND METHOD OF MEASURING ACTIVITY OF PROMOTING INTERMEMBRANE CERAMIDE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.